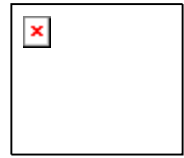




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Dear Parents/Carers

Last Friday's Comic Relief appeal proved to be a great success and you have helped us to raise a fantastic £165, with more money still coming into school day by day. Holly Class' cake sale alone raised £65 and we all had a great day. It was particularly lovely to see the children laughing at each other's funny dress for the day.

The Co-op in Evercreech are running an Easter competition. They have provided each child at the school with a template of an egg, to decorate and return to the Co-op in the village. The completed designs will be displayed in the shop for customers to see. **Please do return the picture to the Co-op and not the school office with child's name, age and class on the back.**

I am pleased to be able to tell you that this year's Easter bonnet and Easter egg decorating competitions will be taking place as usual. The children in Holly and Rowan should design and make an Easter bonnet, while the children in Sycamore, Oak and Pine should decorate a (hard boiled) egg. Last year we saw some wonderful designs. This year the best design in each year group will receive an Easter egg donated by the local Co-op, who have expressed an interest in becoming more involved with school. All eggs and bonnets will need to be in school for Wednesday 25th or Thursday 26th March for judging.

Restorative Justice is being used in Somerset schools to help resolve issues of conflict and victimisation that can affect children in school. At the moment we are just beginning to use some of the Restorative Justice (or RJ) approaches in school when the need arises. This approach to behaviour management sits very well with our current school policy and it is unlikely that as parents, you will notice any great change. We will still be dealing with behaviour matters in our usual consistent and fair way. To give you some more information there is a leaflet on Restorative Justice attached to this newsletter.

A small number of children are still coming to school with incorrect sports' kit. This makes it harder for them and the teachers when they are doing their PE lessons in school. We would like the children to wear the following:

Black shorts, yellow T-shirt, black daps/plymsolls or trainers. In colder weathers, children are encouraged to have a separate pair of jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt for PE.

Parental Questionnaire

If you didn't manage to complete a parental questionnaire whilst at the parent's evening and would like to do so please collect one from the school foyer and return to the office by Friday 27th March.

I am pleased to report that Mrs Barraclough and Oliver are doing extremely well. Mrs Barraclough is keeping up with everything that happens at school, and has been to school on a couple of occasions to see the children and staff. We all miss her and look forward to her return at the end of May.

School Garden Project

Last year we were fortunate to receive an Awards for All grant towards the cost of establishing a school garden. The project is now underway, hence all the bricks etc in the front playground. We are planning to establish raised beds for the children to plant, there will be seating, this will liven up the space between Pine Classroom and Acorns Pre-school.

Bags2School

The next Bags2School collection will be on the morning of 1st June, please save all those old winter clothes and shoes etc as this generates a substantial amount of money for the school. Please note, we are not able to store bags in school as we are limited in storage space, so please could you bring them into school on the day of collection.

Many thanks for your continued support of the school. As ever, should you have any questions about any aspect of your child's education, no matter how big or small, please come into school and see the class teachers. We are always happy to see you (although after school we have more time for discussions!).

Yours sincerely

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